

**REGIONAL LABOR MARKET AREA 2
THIRD QUARTER 2002
COVERED EMPLOYMENT AND WAGES**

Ascension, East Baton Rouge, East Feliciana, Iberville,
Livingston, Pointe Coupee, St. Helena, Tangipahoa,
Washington, West Baton Rouge, West Feliciana



The average quarterly employment for RLMA 2 during third quarter 2002 was 374,184, a decrease of 0.6% from the second quarter 2002, and a decrease of 0.2% from the same period in 2001. Employment increased in eleven of the 20 NAICS sectors from the second quarter 2002. The largest percentage increase of 2.9% was in agriculture, forestry, fishing, and hunting.

Average quarterly employment data for third quarter 2002, second quarter 2002, third quarter 2001, and the percent change for the major industry sectors is shown in the table "Average Quarterly Employment" on page 24. Retail trade was the leading industry in RLMA 2 with 45,493 employees, or 12.2% of total employment. East Baton Rouge was the leading parish with 238,245 employees, or 63.7% of total employment.

Total wages increased 2.2% from the same period in 2001, and decreased by 2.1% from the second quarter 2002, for an average weekly wage of \$570.57. Iberville parish had the highest average weekly wage of \$736.37.

Average weekly wage data for each parish in RLMA 2 is listed in the table below. The average weekly wage data for all parishes within each NAICS sector is shown in the table "Regional Labor Market Area 2" beginning on page 27.

Parish	Avg. Wkly. Wage
Ascension	\$ 612.18
East Baton Rouge	592.84
East Feliciana	474.40
Iberville	736.37
Livingston	428.04
Pointe Coupee	443.34
St. Helena	407.48
Tangipahoa	437.78
Washington	440.38
West Baton Rouge	588.64
West Feliciana	691.41

The number of reporting units in RLMA 2 for third quarter 2002 was 21,603.

Due to the conversion to NAICS, this data should not be compared to data in publications prior to first quarter 2001.

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MONTHLY EMPLOYMENT

